Memoandum by Gujarat

4914. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHAN-SINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Gujarat has requested for additional Central assistance in the Memorandum submitted to Government;

(b) whether Government are in re ceipt of Memorandum on scarcity from other States also;

(c) if so, States and amount- demanded, State-wise;

(d) whether Government have decided to grant special Central assistance over and above to CRF in case of U.P. arid A.P. for natural calamities to CRF; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARV1ND NETAM): (a) The Government of Gujarat had submitted a Memorandum in September, 1994, seeking Cental assistance of Rs. 303.50 crores for relief measures in the wake of heavy rains and floods during South West Monsoon 1934.

(b) and (c) The Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnatakp. had submitted Memoranda during 1994-95 seeking Central assistance of Rs. 344.00 crores and 231.70 crores respectively for relief measures in the wake of drought conditions. A request has recently been received from the Government of Madhya Praldesh also for release of the entire Central share of CRF for 1995-96 and additional assistance of Rs. 65.00 crores for dronpht relief measures.

(d) and *(c)* Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, the State Government axe required to undertake relief measures in the wake of natural calamities using the annual allocations of Calamitiy Relief Fund. Government of India do not provide any additional assistance for this purpose. The Central share of Calamity Relief Fund due in 1994-95 has been released to all the State Governments. The first quarterly instalment for 1995-96 has also been released to enable the State Governments to continue the relief measures.

On-farm research by ICAR

4915. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR has been conducting On-farm Research;

(b) to what extent has ICAR been successful in On-farm Research;

(c) whether OFR isbeing conducted on new rice strains in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has recently introduced the Ora-farm Research/trails con-cept as one of mandatory functions of KVKs. The results are encouraging.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A few On-farm Research/trials on Hybrid Rice Production programme has been carried out at KVK Gad-dipalli. District Nalgonda. The 'rials were taken on APHR-I, APHR-II, VHR-I, VHR-II. 20 On-farm trials were organised on farmers fields. On an average the Hybrid rice trials have resulted 30-40 per cent additional yield.